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Pastors' Meeting

The Pacific School of Religion is setting up a most fruitful program for the Interdenominational Pastoral Conference, which will be held in Berkeley Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 21st, 22nd and 23rd. The day sessions will be in the University Christian Church, just across the street from the Pacific School campus. The Earl Lectures will be in the First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant Streets, and will be broadcasted over Station KRE.

It is expected that President Mary E. Woolley of Mount Holyoke will be the Earl Lecturer. The only possible interference with this plan is the chance that her presence will be required at Geneva Switzerland, where she is a member of the United States Delegation to the World Disarmament Conference. The subject for her series of lectures will be "The Outlook for Peace."

Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, editor of the Christian Century, will deliver a course of addresses at the Conference. It is expected that Rev. Peter Ainslie of Baltimore and Rev. William R. King, secretary of the Home Missions Council of New York will be present and deliver addresses. There will be two round table discussion groups, one on the Laymen's Inquiry on Foreign Missions, led by Rev. Hugh Vernon White, formerly of Stockton and now secretary of the American Board, and the other on church finance led by Rev. Roy B. Guild of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

It is expected that provision will be made for a luncheon of all Congregational pastors on one of the days.

R. E. GATHERINGS

The State Council of Religious Education has decided to hold a number of district gatherings this year instead of one general convention. The plan is to have an afternoon and evening of one day and the morning of the next day devoted to the work of the Council. The afternoon of the second day may be used for denominational gatherings. Speakers will largely consist of the denominational secretaries of religious education. A suggested schedule is as follows:

Chico—March 6-7.
Sacramento—March 8-9.
Modesto—March 10-11.
Fresno—March 12-13.
Oakland—March 14-15.
San Jose—March 16-17.
Santa Rosa—March 20-21.
Eureka—March 22-23.
San Francisco—March 24.

The pastors and Sunday School superintendents who desire special denominational conferences on the second afternoon of the gathering in their area, will please confer with the Congregational headquarters.

CHRISTIAN UNITY LEAGUE

The meeting of the Christian Unity League will be held in the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, Friday and Saturday, February 24th and 25th, following the Pastoral Conference. Bishop Edward L. Parsons will preside. Rev. C. C. Morrison, Rev. Peter Ainslie of Baltimore and Rev. Lynn T. White of San Anselmo will participate in the program.

WHO SAID DEPRESSION?

Believing that the way to meet the depression is to sound the signal for an advance, the Lodi Church and all of its departments have adopted a three-year program. The announcement of the goals to be attained was made at a Sunday morning service during the celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the church. During the previous week there had been occasions devoted to the history and to past achievements of the church. It was felt that such an aniversary would be a failure without the expressed determination of going forward to greater victories.

The chairman of the Board of Directors came to the pulpit and announced that during the coming three years the Trustees would make it their business to become familiar with all of the activities of the different departments of the church and would take a friendly interest in them. They assumed responsibility of seeing that the garden was beautified, the church painted, the front of the building flood-lighted, a new illuminated sign installed, the heating system improved and Sunday School quarters enlarged. They pledged themselves to attend the Conferences of the denomination and to attend church services regularly and to train young men in the business methods of the church.

The chairman of the Board of Deacons declared it to be the purpose of the deacons and deaconesses to realize more fully their relationship to the spiritual life of the members, to give personal attention to the prayer life of the people, to strengthen the midweek service, to call on the sick, the bereaved and the stranger, to visit all departments of the church, and to report their progress to the cabinet.

The president of the Women's Association announced the adoption of a program which would increase the attendance and minister to the shut-ins through the medium of a "Mystery Friend Movement." Each woman will draw a name of some shut-in and will make it her business to show friendliness to that person through the year. A mission study class was promised and the usual work for financial support of the church.

A representative from the Mothers' Circle declared it to be the purpose of that organization to follow the Parents' Magazine program for raising children, to give a Mothers and Daughters and a Fathers and Sons banquet each year, and to help financially with the church.

The Choir announced its intention of recruiting its membership to fifty, of securing vestments, of sponsoring a junior choir, of giving two cantatas a year, and a concert once a month.

The Christian Endeavor Society declared it to be the purpose of that organization to increase its membership to a hundred, and to recruit every member for the church. It was proposed that two-thirus of the membership would become tithers and two-thirds would observe the Quiet Hour. A Christmas box will be provided each year for Preston School of Industry, and a large delegation sent to Asilomar each year.

The Superintendent of the Sunday School made the announcement of a goal of an increase in enrollment of fifty each year. A teacher training class is to be organized, and other Sunday Schools are to be visited in order that better methods may be discovered. In conjunction with the Trustees, more room is to be provided and the school to be departmentalized.

The Comrade Class promised to have a class quartet and to present one play a year, to take charge of one midweek service a year and one Sunday evening service. This class is to be the center for the recruiting of Sunday School teachers.

The Editor of The Pacific has deemed it worth while to present this program at length because he discerns a spirit of retrenchment and surrender in many churches. If there was ever a time when the church of the living God needed to gird up its loins and go forward it is now. It is refreshing to find a church that does not talk entirely in terms of money, but sees that with the resources of human personality and devotion there are many things that can be done.

All hail to the church at Lodi and its vigorous leader, Rev. E. T. Sherman. The prayers and the hopes of the churches of the Conference will be with him.

ASILOMAR OFFICERS

At the recent meeting of the new Conference Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work, Rev. Ralph C. Waddell was re-elected Chairman, Rev. James H. Price was elected Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Anna L. Gilman, Secretary. Rev. E. T. Sherman, the pastor at Lodi, was named as Director of the Asilomar Conference to be held this coming summer. Rev. James H. Price will be Director of Promotion. Both of these leaders will welcome suggestions from young people's counsellors and pastors.

The committee has also gone on record as offering to furnish a faculty member to week-end assemblies or summer conferences to be held in remote parts of the state to assist the pastors and young people in their own programs for camps.

CHRISTMAS FUND

While the Christmas Fund for aged ministers was not up to the level of the last two years, it was nevertheless a great outpouring and was sufficient to give a Christmas present to every pensioner. Ministers received on an average $40 and widows an average of $32. Letters of heart touching appreciation are coming into the Conference office. In a number of instances it is this Fund that has just enabled our Veterans to make ends meet. The editor of The Pacific would like to share with our readers something of the joy which is his in receiving these communications, but space forbids.

NOTICE

If subscribers will send a post card telling of changes of address, it will save us 2 cents on every notice sent us by the Post Office.

DR. McCALL IN NOON THEATRE MEETINGS

Rev. O. W. S. McCall, the pastor of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, has been conducting a service every Tuesday noon in the United Artists Theatre in the down town business district. His chorus choir of forty or more persons with vestments are very faithful in attendance and open the service with the singing of a number of favorite hymns. Dr. McCall then leads in devotions and preaches a brief sermon. The whole service occupies something like 45 minutes. The attendance has grown and now runs from six to eight hundred each Tuesday. People come from all of the east bay cities, and ministers from more distant points. Scarcely a day passes that Dr. McCall does not receive at least one letter of appreciation for the help which he brings. It is regarded by the church and the pastor as a piece of extension work done not for the purpose of strengthening the church, but of ministering to a great group of people who are struggling against the odds which the depression and the humdrum of life force upon them. The churches and ministers of our entire conference rejoice in the leadership and the service which Dr. McCall is giving to his pulpit, the radio, and now this theatre service.

CACOYPA RALLY

The Annual Rally of Congregational Young People was held at First Church, Oakland, Thursday evening, December 29th. A total of 210 young people, counsellors, and pastors were present. Oakland First young people who were the hosts of the evening were present to the number of thirty, but Stockton easily carried off the honors with twenty-four. The most distant point represented was Eureka with Raymond Hudson, the son of our pastor there. Following the dinner Professor Allan Bacon of the College of the Pacific gave an organ recital. Rev. O. W. S. McCall led in a service of worship. The address of the evening was delivered by Mr. A. I. Raja Singham, Christian deputation secretary from India. After the program a party was held, the young people joining in a happy social hour.

BAY ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting of the Bay Association will be held on Tuesday, January 10th at just about the time this paper reaches its readers. The program as announced includes an evening spent on the report of the Laymen's Inquiry and the addresses, with one exception, are to be delivered by laymen. Rev. H. H. Guy, formerly on the faculty of the Pacific School of Religion, who was one of the fact-finders on the Laymen's Inquiry in Japan, will give something of a presentation of the method followed in the study. Mr. Ralph T. Fisher of the American Trust Company will preside. Addresses will be given by Professor George M. Stratton, Professor Charles E. Rugh, and Professor Robert E. Stone, all of the University of California, and by Mr. Seldon C. Smith of Ginn and Company. All of these men are active laymen in our Congregational churches.

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DEFICIT OR NOT?

Following the custom of previous years, the books of the Conference will not be closed to receipts for 1932 until January 10th. As the Pacific goes to press it is too early to publish the contributions to benevolences from the churches. A complete church-by-church report will be made in the February issue.

Enough information has come, however, to make it seem inevitable that our budget will be seriously cut for the coming year. A number of churches have made an heroic stand to reach the level of previous giving, even to the extent of borrowing the money to complete their pledges for the year. Others have shown serious decline. In spite of the budget cut of last April, the Conference will probably be deeper in debt on the 10th of January than it was a year ago. The impression which has come from correspondence and visits with the churches is that benevolence giving has declined only because the financial conditions of the several localities has made it imperative, and not because of lack of interest. Churches are not only trimming, but cutting their budgets deeply, and there is no other recourse for the Conference but to do likewise, even though it will bring hardship to the staff and the missionaries. It will probably be necessary to eliminate the printing of the minutes and directory, to omit the Ministers' Book Club for the coming year, to cut the appropriations for ministerial relief by 10 per cent for at least a part of the year, to withdraw support from the State Church Federation, and to retrench in salaries and appropriations.

Figures from the Commission on Missions office for the year up to and including November 30th, indicate that the Northern California Conference has made a better showing than the nation as a whole. Our decrease over the eleven months period in comparison with the same period a year ago was 9 per cent, whereas the national decrease was 12.9 per cent. We have made a better showing than either Oregon or Southern California but not quite so good as Washington.

It must be remembered however, that the figures at the end of November are subject to considerable error because of the irregularity of churches in making their remittances and because remittances to the national office are sometimes made before the end of the month and sometimes just after the first of the month following. It may be a different story in detail after the 10th of January. But it is too much to expect that either in state or nation we can come anywhere near the 1931 figures. Nevertheless, it is for the national boards and the Conference offices to find the resources of leadership in our churches and of Divine power, which is always available, and to go forward.

IN THE "FIFTIES"

Copy of Pacific 74 Years Old Now On File

Miss Harriet Taylor of the First Congregational Church, Oakland, recently handed to the editor a copy of The Pacific dated August 25, 1859. This was in volume 8 of The Pacific. By noting page one, readers will see that we are now in our 83rd year.

In those early days The Pacific was four pages, about the size of our daily newspapers. It is entitled "a family newspaper devoted to religion, education and general news." The statement goes on to say "it is the organ of no sect or party, started with no purpose of gain, and pledged to the great interests of education and religion. Rev. J. H. Warren was the editor. While it has come to be the organ of the Congregational Conference, it is still published without purpose of financial gain, as the deficit well testifies.

An item from Gilroy announced the arrival of the overland mail on August 19th, at 5 o'clock, bringing papers from St. Louis dated July 28th. The paper contains an advertisement of the College of California, and announces the board of instruction headed by Rev. Henry Durant as principal. There were five members on the faculty. Tuition ranged from five to ten dollars per month. Samuel H. Willey was secretary of the Board of Trustees. There were also announcements of the Folsom Institute, a high school, the Young Ladies' Seminary of Benicia, and the Agricultural and Mechanical University of Healdsburg, Sonoma County. The latter institution was to be under the direction of a stock company with a capital stock of $24,000.

If any of our readers have other copies of The Pacific in the early days of its publication, the office would be glad to have them in its files.

IS NOT SURPRISED

Commenting in his characteristically penetrating style on what some may term "China's Chaos" Dean Roderick Scott of Fukien Christian University, Foochow, China, says: "If you are surprised by the continued chaos which is China, I am not! What I said at home last year is still true. Remove the traditional sanctions from a non-Christian social order and things have to become worse before they can be better. Yet the very confusion, the slipping of moorings, drives men to God. And that is what is happening in China though it will take a long time for the good man to get on top and to break the hold of entrenched corruption. Yet, in spite of the obstacles, there is a marked Christian advance. The Church is freer than ever before. It is regarded with a new respect. Christianity is reckoned as one of the social forces of the nation; twice the Government called in Christian leaders to consult with them about war plans. Non-Christians visit and advise Christian schools. The local Commissioner of Education was so impressed by a Christian teachers' retreat that he declared he must have one for the Government Schools! He held up the Christian teachers as models, saying among other things, that they always paid their electric light bills."

Opponents of prohibition claim that the legalization of beer would employ from one to two million people. The Congressional Record of December 22, 1914, shows that in 1914 only 498,901 were employed. Of these, over 400,000 were bartenders, who will get no job, if, as the wets say, the saloon "must never come back."

Hip Wo Progress

Among the various activities of the Hip Wo School this term, the Church School attendance campaign is probably the most prominent. Fully realizing the importance of religious education to the young second generation Chinese, the faculty of the School is exerting every effort toward that end. A campaign is therefore under way to encourage the whole student body of the School to attend the various Church Schools, and eventually the young recruits will give themselves to Christ. It is hoped that by the end of this present campaign—the last Sunday before the termination of the present term—one hundred per cent of the pupils are enlisted. Although this is highly improbable, it is not entirely impossible with God's help.

Friday is assembly day for the entire student body, and after songs, cheers, and speeches, the results of the contest in Sunday School attendance are announced. At the present writing the Third Grade, tutored by Mr. David K. Lee, is in the lead, with the Fourth Grade under Mr. Roger Wong a close second. The enrollment of the school during the past semester has been 242, with an average attendance of 214. One hundred and fifty are now enrolled in the church schools of Chinatown.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

In these days of "cuts" in every phase of church work, it is natural to feel that some of our leadership schools and classes must be suspended, unfortunate though it be. But there is a way, as many churches are discovering, of keeping the program of leadership improvement going. This way is through a more careful planning of the workers' conference. Nor is the time-honored method a mere substitute; it has distinct values of its own. It is easy to set up; it has no imposed "standards," "red-tape," or "credits"; it is local church "centered"; it develops a "home-grown" leadership; it costs practically nothing.

The Department of Leadership Training of the Education Society has for these reasons prepared two series of suggestive programs for these workers' conferences, each series containing a program for each month in the year. Themes like these are treated: "Taking Stock of Our Teaching"; "Encouraging Pupils to Study"; "How to Use the Bible"; "Preparing the Lesson;" "Jesus the World's Teacher"; "Handwork: Its Use and Abuse"; "Building a School Consciousness." These programs have been issued in mimeographed form and are available at five cents each or fifty cents for a series of twelve. A descriptive leaflet, "Helps for the Church School Workers' Conference," will be sent upon request.

IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN

"For the people of America . . ." said the native Christians of Mt. Silinda, Africa, as they brought in $40 for the Loyalty Fund. This, says Arthur J. Orner, is as much as an unskilled worker earns in a YEAR. Famine threatened, some were out of work, others knew they would soon be unemployed . . . "What a happy day it was when we got the opportunity of giving something to the Loyalty Fund," said Miss Sarojini Gaikwad of the Girls' High School, Ahmednagar, India. "When we heard . . . about the great need of money and how much our American friends give up to help us, we determined that we would also do our share." **Once a year** these girls receive a box of sweets—they gave these up in order that the money might go into the fund.

"RETHINKING MISSIONS"

The report of the Laymen's Inquiry for Foreign Missions has been published by Harper under the title "Rethinking Missions." It is a book which every pastor and many lay people should read, not only because of what it has to say about foreign missions, but for the reason that every criticism which is offered concerning the Christian enterprise in other lands is applicable to home missions and the program of every local church. The total effect upon the reader after laying down the book is that the missionary enterprise is tremendously worth while, and that it would be nothing short of criminal to abandon it. Indeed it must go forward, not only because it is the most potent expression of world-wide good will, but it is the very life-blood of the church. There are changes and adjustments to be made, but the enterprise has been a success and the money expended has been abundantly justified.

The chief criticism of missions seems to be that there are people of small caliber engaged in it when every representative of the Kingdom of God should be of highest ability and training. The reason of course is that missionaries are such stuff as Christian people at home are made of, and that we have not been able anywhere, at home or abroad, to have all of our workers measure up to the highest standards.

There is some overlapping abroad with colleges, theological seminaries and churches but we must shamefacedly confess that such overlappings cripple our program here in America.

The report advocates a unification of administration, so that missionaries will not be representing denominations but Christianity as a whole. If that should come about, (and God grant that it may) we in America will need to cease our demand that results which can be counted shall be shown in return for our money.

Our own American Board has welcomed the report, as Dr. Hugh Vernon White has said "We are rejoicing in it." A pamphlet has been published showing the bearing of the Laymen's Inquiry upon our American Board work. Those who read Rethinking Missions should order this pamphlet, the price of which is 15c. Copies can be secured from the Conference office or the American Board.

HANNAFORD RETIRES

Rev. W. H. Hannaford, formerly pastor at Martinez and more recently of Bloomington in the southern conference, has retired from the ministry after nearly forty-two years of service. During that period he has been out of his pulpit only two Sundays on account of ill health. The last three years of his ministry he has not had a single Sunday off. His new address will be 138 W. Montecito Ave., Sierra Madre. The Pacific joins his many friends in wishing him many years of happiness.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 19-20—Annual Meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, First Congregational Church, Alameda.

February 21-23—Interdenominational Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.

February 24-25 — Church Unity League. First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

May 24-31—General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches, Cleveland, Ohio.

July 29-August 5—Young People's Conference, Asilomar.

October 17-19—State Conference, Pilgrim Church, Fresno.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

PETALUMA—One hundred and twenty-five people attended the Annual Dinner and Meeting of the Petaluma Church. The reports showed splendid progress in all branches of the work and the finances in good condition. Enough money was in sight to balance the books at the end of the year. The amount given to benevolences was greater than that of last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robinson, of Tehchow, China, were the guests of the church for six days early in December. Mr. Robinson spoke at Sunday Service, at meetings of the Young People and Men's Forum and at a tea given for the women. They were entertained at lunch or dinner in ten homes of the parish, giving many a chance to become acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and get a better understanding of what our missionaries are accomplishing on the foreign field.

Rev. Noel J. Breed has revived an old custom, that of consecrating new homes built by members of the parish. The ceremony is beautiful and adds a sacredness to the beginning of life in the new house.

The Christmas season was very busy. The Young Matrons' Circle of the Service Club gave a Christmas party to the needy children for whom they have been making clothes this year. On December 18th the choir sang Dudley Buck's cantata "The Coming of the King," which will be repeated on New Year's Day at the vesper service in the Episcopal Church at Santa Rosa. A midnight service was held on Christmas Eve. The church was lighted by candles. A feature of the decorations was a large picture of the Madonna painted by one of the High School boys. The service was participated in by a large and reverent audience.

ALAMEDA — The church gave a Christmas tree on Sunday evening, December 25th, for the children of unemployed families. Three hundred persons filled the church. Every child received a present and a treat. The parents expressed deep gratitude, many of them saying it was the only Christmas that their children would have. The program consisted of singing of Christmas carols by the congregation. During Christmas week the stained glass windows on the north side of the church were illuminated each evening.

Reports from the treasurer and trustees forecast the closing of the year with all bills paid. Rev. Gail Cleland is the pastor.

BERKELEY. ARLINGTON AVENUE—The enrollment of the Sunday School has reached 140, but the cold weather and illness in many families reduced the attendance during the last three or four Sundays of the year. Mr. John H. Gregg, the director, is spending a few days with his people in Southern California.

SAN MATEO—On Christmas Sunday twenty-four new members were received into the church making a total of 63 during the year. An offering for the purpose of balancing the budget was requested, to which the people responded generously. Rev. George E. Brown is the pastor.

RIO VISTA — Rev. W. H. Hopkins, who has been serving the church at Lawndale in Southern California, has been asked to come for a month or two to draw the people together, raise a budget, and prepare for the coming of a pastor.

PACIFIC GROVE—The Young People of this church cooperated with those of other churches in the singing of carols at the homes of all who desired to have carolers call. By dividing the city into districts there was no overlapping.

Mrs. Lucy A. Chase, an honored member of this church, recently made possible the completion of a museum. The opening day was a gala event. It was also Mrs. Chase's ninetieth birthday. The two events were celebrated by a large company of townspeople who gathered and enjoyed an interesting program.

The wife of the pastor, Rev. John H. Hunter, was painfully but not seriously injured by an automobile which struck her while crossing the street. She recovered sufficiently to attend the Christmas exercises at the church.

A community school for leadership training of the cities of the peninsula will be held in the Congregational Church for six weeks beginning January 16th.

ALTURAS—Rev. William E. Eckles, who was pastor of this church about sixteen years ago, has been asked to spend a few weeks on the field to prepare the church for the calling of a new minister. About a month ago the Modoc County Bank, the leading financial institution of that section of the state, closed its doors. The loss to the church and its members was almost paralyzing in its effect. Of all of the tasks which Mr. Eckles has faced in his very fruitful ministry in our Conference, it is safe to say that none is more challenging than the one he is now undertaking. It is highly important that the Alturas Church be held and strengthened because of the peculiar relationship which it has to all of our Congregational work in that area.

PORTERVILLE — Rev. Norman W. Pendleton of Redwood City, formerly of the United Church in San Francisco, held "A New Crusade of Religion" during the week December 4 to 11. Inspirational and educational, the addresses each night were greatly appreciated. Certainly they brought much cheer and encouragement to all who heard them. For all of this and for Mr. Pendleton's fine solo singing, for his winsome ways and gracious message, Porterville people are surely very grateful. Rev. B. Dent Naylor is the pastor.

SAN LEANDRO—Three young people's societies, all doing good work, meet every Sunday evening. The Sunday School and church provided clothing and food for many families at Thanksgiving time and Christmas. A family get-together was held on New Year's eve, in the form of a Watch Night party. Rev. J. H. McCartney is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE — The Christian Endeavor Society presented as a pageant, Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man." A loyalty drive at the end of November has helped toward the balancing of the budget. Seventy families were called on in one afternoon.

FAIRFAX — The trustees of this church have adopted a smaller budget for 1933, but the pastor, Rev. James W. Price, is preaching to larger congregations than have previously attended and is not a whit discouraged by the financial situation.

REDWOOD CITY — Among the Christmas activities at Redwood City was the presentation of Handel's "Messiah" by a choir of fifty voices under the direction of Mrs. Roy Hohberger. A chorus of one hundred children under the leadership of Mr. Herman Phillips presented "First Children's Anniversary of Christmas Song." Twenty-five young people sang carols on early Christmas morn. The Sunday School sent a hundred Christmas presents and fifty boxes of candy to the Mexican mission at Five Points. Mr. C. M. Doxsee impersonated Santa Claus for the 25th year. The Women's Circle, and Guild, sent scrap books to the County Orphanage and gave a Christmas program at the County Home for the Aged. Boxes were sent to the Modoc Indians and sewing was done for local unemployment committee. Rev. Norman W. Pendleton is the pastor.

SACRAMENTO—A meeting of the church was called on a recent Sunday morning to listen to a report from the Board of Trustees of the budget shortage for the year, and to make such cuts in expenditures as would balance it. After sitting for a time in gloom and discouragement one layman took the floor and advocated that instead of cutting the budget an attempt be made to balance it by a great Christmas offering. Another layman rose and said that he would give $200 if the deficit was covered. A committee was appointed to make a solicitation and at last report indications pointed to the success of the plan. It is needless to say that the pastor, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, is to be congratulated on having men in his congregation with a bit of vision and courage.

SANTA CRUZ—Rev. H. S. Mahood, the pastor, has been suffering for three months with a severe attack of sciatic rheumatism. He has been able to carry his work a portion of the time, but has finally been compelled to go to a sanitarium for rest and cure. Several ministers are members of that church, and the pulpit is being supplied by one or another of these men. The people are carrying forward the organization in its departments.

SAN FRANCISCO. FIRST—Through the help of a number of women of the church, the chorus now appears in vestments, adding greatly to the beauty and dignity of the services. The pastor, Rev. Kerrison Juniper, is a believer in the importance of music in the observance of Christmas and in cooperation with the choir arranged several splendid programs. Rev. Henry A. Atkinson, D.D., of the Church Peace Union, was a pulpit guest on New Year's Day.

SOQUEL — Rev. Jessie Getty Heath reports an attendance of more than fifty each Sunday in spite of much illness. A splendid choir and Christian Endeavor Society add to the pleasure of the work.

CALAVERAS COUNTY—The influenza epidemic has crippled the work on this field during December. Rev. John T. Munton, the pastor, and his wife, have been among those who have been ill but are recovering.

CERES—Rev. H. H. Wolford, who resigned the pastorate to take effect November 1st, has at the invitation of the church continued to live in the parsonage and to supply the pulpit.

SAN FRANCISCO. CALVARY—Following the resignation of Rev. H. A. Kartozian, who recently went to Detroit as pastor of the Armenian Church, Calvary Church undertook the difficult and serious task of securing his successor. After careful consideration of the needs of the field, the church united in calling Rev. Y. K. Rushdoony, formerly of Detroit and more recently pastor of the Armenian Presbyterian Church of Kingsburg, California. Mr. Rushdoony brings to the task not only splendid educational qualifications but ability as an organizer and financier. It was under his leadership that the Detroit church secured a very splendid church property. He is coming to San Francisco with the expectation of leading the church here in a similar enterprise.

OAKLAND. PLYMOUTH — In response to a recent appeal for blankets for men camped on 19th Avenue, 75 articles of bedding were contributed by members and friends of the church. A beautiful candle light service was held Christmas evening, the choir presenting a cantata entitled "Christmas" by Paul Bliss. On Sunday, December 4th, eleven new members were received by confession of faith, two by re-affirmation, one restored to the active roll from the absentee list, and sixteen by letter from other churches, a total of thirty. Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pastor, has been invited to serve as chaplain of the Conference of Congregational and Christian superintendents in Evanston, Illinois, January 14-15. This will immediately precede the meeting of the Home Board of which Dr. Giffen is a member.

SAN FRANCISCO, UNITED — The annual church fair netted a profit of more than $600. A white gift service resulted in a great outpouring of gifts for those in need. A boys' choir of twenty-five has been organized to be known as the Pilgrim Boys' Choir. By means of ticket selling for the fair, thirty new members were added to the Mission Y. M. C. A. Rev. J. C. Carpenter and Rev. James H. Price, the pastors, are finding a tremendous challenge to their abilities in that great district.

BERKELEY. CHINESE—During December this church sent the money which it has pledged toward the roof of the building in full. The Conference Superintendent has secured contributions for the remainder from other friends. The church has raised a larger proportion of its expenses than in previous years. A splendid Christmas program was given on Friday the 23rd. Mr. T. T. Taam the pastor and his wife, who is the daughter of Rev. B. Y. Leong, our pastor in San Francisco, are the proud parents of a baby boy.

BIG VALLEY PARISH—The failure of the Modoc County Bank has considerably affected the work in this parish, as many of the substantial people carried their bank accounts in Alturas. Notwithstanding, Rev. and Mrs. Westwood Wallace are carrying on and ministering to the needs of that great field.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California will be held at the First Congregational Church of Alameda on Thursday and Friday, January 19th and 20th. Special interest is added to the occasion by the fact that this is the tenth anniversary of the Federation. The presidents who have served during the past ten years will be honored at the Friday luncheon by a resume of their services.

The opening session will begin at two o'clock Thursday afternoon, January 19th, followed by a fellowship dinner at six-thirty and an evening service at eight. A morning and afternoon session will be held Friday, the twentieth, beginning respectively at ten-thirty and two-fifteen. The program includes addresses on subjects of special interest at this time, among them the place of education regarding alcohol and a report on the "Laymen's Inquiry." The evening address will be given by A. I. Raja Singham, a talented Christian of India. Miss Coxhead will talk on her experiences with the Indians of Modoc County. Reports of the year's work and election of officers will constitute the business features. A play illustrating the work of Social Relations will be given between the afternoon session and dinner on Thursday.

Each church is entitled to three regularly appointed delegates who will receive entertainment if it is desired. Those wishing it should communicate with Mrs. T. E. Borden, 2061 Central Avenue, Alameda, not later than Tuesday, January 17th. All women are urged to attend this important meeting.

To reach the church—

From Berkeley and Oakland, transfer to Bus 51 or 58 on Broadway between 16th and 10th streets, and leave at church door.

From San Francisco—Take S. P. Alameda ferry, Encinal train, leave train at Chestnut Station, and walk two blocks north on Chestnut Street.

By automobile from northern points —Drive through the tube at foot of Harrison Street, along Webster to Central, then east to Chestnut.

By automobile from southern points — Enter Alameda via Bay Farm Island, High Street or Park Street bridge to Central Avenue, and then west to Chestnut Street.

MISSION STUDY BOOKS

Do you read catalogues? Mrs. Gail Cleland is planning to get one out soon, which will contain lists of mission study books for 1933, and you will certainly want one. Our Women's Federation is fortunate in having Mrs. Cleland to keep us in touch with all the latest books and leaflets in regard to missions. For the past six weeks she has been conducting classes in the Teachers' Training School, Oakland, sponsored by the Interdenominational Council for Women and held twice a year, fall and spring. Two hours a week she gave to this work, using "Missionary Education" by Herbert W. Gates for the first lesson. During the second hour she applied the principles taught with concrete illustrations from books on China and the American Indian.

A union of non-drinking chauffeurs has been formed in Hamburg. It was organized after the information was issued that half of the 9,000 fatal accidents recorded in Germany annually were due to drunken drivers.

ALCOHOL AND MEN

In "Alcohol and Men," the title of a book just published by the Macmillan Company, we have a reliable book on the study of alcohol and its effects.

It is edited by Dr. Haven Emerson, head of the department of Public Health at Columbia University, in collaboration with a score of eminent authorities, not only in medicine, but in the associated sciences. The purpose of the men responsible for this volume is to clear the confused thinking of the laity on this subject, to lift the reader out of the realm of emotions and political propaganda into that of logical common sense and indisputable facts.

Current controversies are eliminated, the one object being to show that alcohol, as a beverage, has no use or value in our modern life and is for medicinal purposes questionable, and not prescribed by our leading physicians or major hospitals.

The book deliberately states that however much alcohol may effect every part of the body, its most important and destructive influence is exerted on the most delicate organ, the brain. There it acts as a depressant, resulting in lessened coordinative thinking, diminished proportion and delayed reactions. Thus judgment and mental alertness are impaired.

The brain is dulled, the body is injured, the efficiency of workers is lessened, accidents and crime are sure to follow. Inhibitions are broken down and immorality results.

Every student of Social Welfare should read this book, every thoughtful person will find in it food for thought. Although written by scientists, it is a book any one may read with intense interest from beginning to end. It is a book that will set a new mark for the study of temperance in our schools, colleges, churches and communities.

You cannot afford to miss it.

MASS. AND REPEAL

Within six months after the state of Massachusetts repealed its State Enforcement Law, the "wet" mayor of Boston was compelled to secure a license to carry a loaded revolver, in defense against the very forces he had helped to let loose. Conditions grew worse until 23 persons were killed in one week by drunken automobile drivers. Now Massachusetts has the most drastic law against intoxication in the history of the state.

With 32,000,000 automobiles in the United States what would happen if the 18th Amendment should be repealed? Irving Fisher, noted economist,, says: "The really dangerous driver is the man who has had one or two drinks ONLY, who still thinks that he is in possession of his faculties, but whose driving judgment has been impaired."

BERKELEY ORGANIZES

A Community Information Center regarding alcohol and the advancement of temperance is being considered by a group of Berkeley women. They expect to have a centrally located room where students and the public may find books, periodicals and scientific literature on this subject.

The young people of the Soquel Church presented a box to each of forty men in the County Hospital. Each box contained home made candy and a Gospel of John. They conduct services there once a month.

WAR DECLARED

If not, you have not read your December PACIFIC and the report of the committee of ten. Yes, it concerns YOU, every woman in the Federation and in EVERY church. It is a definite call to ARMS to defend the Constitution of the United States, our sons, our daughters, our neighbors, and our country, from that arch enemy alcohol. It is a call to study our enemy scientifically, to discover how absolutely vicious he is, how he undermines health, decreases personal efficiency, is a menace to the family life, to our economic life, and a destructive force on our highways, leaving death and crippled bodies in his wake. This call "TO ARMS" is one that no earnest Christian can refuse. Listen for is bugle call to service in your vicinity and in your church. BE PREPARED!

WHO ARE QUEER?

We eat our soup first, the Chinese quite the opposite. These and many other strange customs you will discover in a most readable book called "The Spirit of Youth."

Then how about cut-outs of people, sampans, pagodas and houses that can be colored, mounted and made to stand up, making real villages and cities? Think what fun you can have this winter with your children, grandchildren or neighbors' children, visiting many foreign countries, learning all about their customs simply through cut-outs and a few books! Secure these cut-outs from the Western Book and Tract Company, 1730 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland. They can also be used most effectively for blackboard work, with a few clever lines with colored chalk as a background. Teachers who are not skilled artists—and how many of us are?—will find them most valuable.

EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL MUST BE TAUGHT IN SCHOOL

Instruction is required in ALL schools concerning alcohol and narcotics. This applies to ALL grades of the public schools and to Junior Colleges, State Teachers Colleges, and State Special Schools as well. The State Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Vierling Kersey, has recently called special attention to this state law and requests active cooperation in its observance and enforcement.

CHURCH SUPPLIES FOR SALE

Churches desiring to secure some equipment at very reasonable prices will be interested in the following supplies which the Olivet Church has on sale.

3 Radiant Fire gas heaters.

75 Primary S. S. chairs.

161 Folding chairs.

2 Upright pianos and stools (Kohler, Shoninger).

Miscellaneous tables—sufficient to seat 200 people.

21 Pews.

2 Pulpit chairs.

1 Pulpit.

52 Hymnals—Joy to World.

54 Pilgrim Hymnals.

14 Bibles.

1 Communion Set.

Also garden tools and miscellaneous articles of furniture. Persons interested should inquire of Mr. O. J. Bell, 360 Pine St., San Francisco; telephone GArfield 4624.

"WHAT IS WRONG?"

While guns roared death in Shanghai, Japanese Christian women gathered in Tokyo, Japan, for their Day of Prayer. With deep emotion they faced the problem. How had such things come to pass? Wherin had they been lacking? One woman poured out her heart to Mrs. Darley Downs. "I can't sleep at night thinking of the whole thing and wondering what is wrong when so many of us have prayed so long that peace should come to the world and that Japan be one of the nations to help to establish peace," she cried. "And then I think God is still in His heaven and we must just continue working and believing that somehow things are going to work themselves out," was the pathetic conclusion. To Christian watchmen at the cross roads of the world today "eternal vigilance is the price of"—PEACE.

The missionaries of China from day to day do not know what will happen, nor when. Rev. Harold S. Matthews of Tientsin expresses the psychology of the average thinking person in China today: "Until we are hit, we have not been hit, and after we have been hit, we have been hit and proceed to make the best of it."

A Lot of Good—

Can be done, and is being done, by your Conference in extending enough help to supplement the gifts of local people so that churches may be kept open and ministries maintained.

A Little Money—

goes a long ways. The total budget of our Conference for the twenty or more missionary projects is less than that of some of our local churches.

A Helping Hand—

is heeded in regular contributions now and in bequests for the future.

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I give and bequeath to Northern California Congregational Conference of San Francisco, California, the sum of $..... (..... dollars).

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